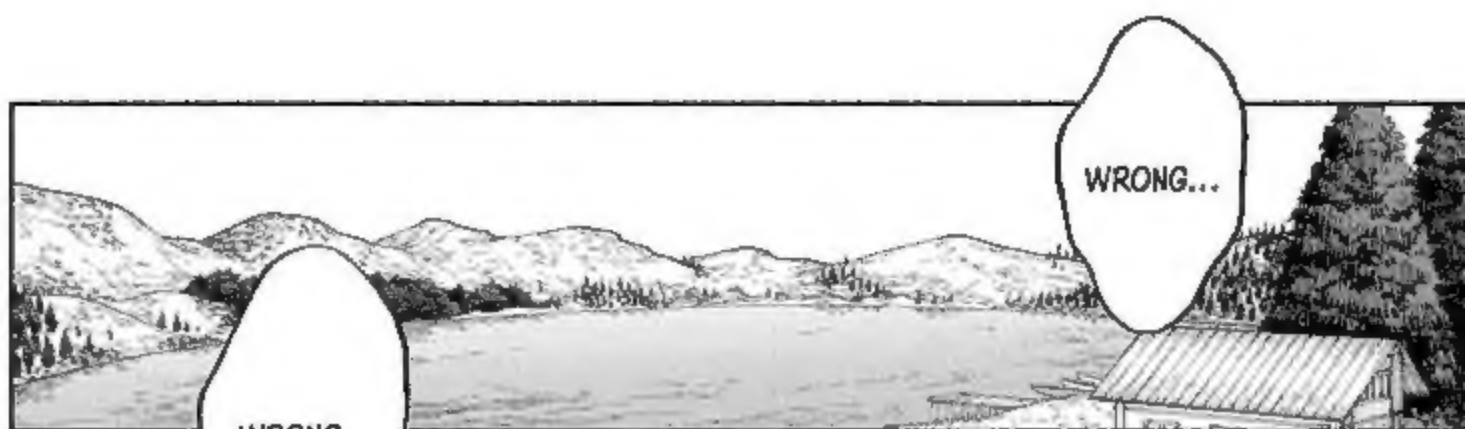


The cover art features a stylized illustration. In the foreground, a young girl with short brown hair, wearing a white dress with a large red bow and a white headband, looks directly at the viewer with a serious expression. Behind her, a boy with short black hair and a red cape looks off to the side with a determined expression. The background is a dark, moody landscape with a large, dark, spiky structure resembling a castle or a large creature in the distance. The title 'FABRICANT 100' is written in large, bold, green letters with a white outline. The number '100' is particularly large and stylized, with the zeros having a stitched or quilted texture.

FABRICANT 100

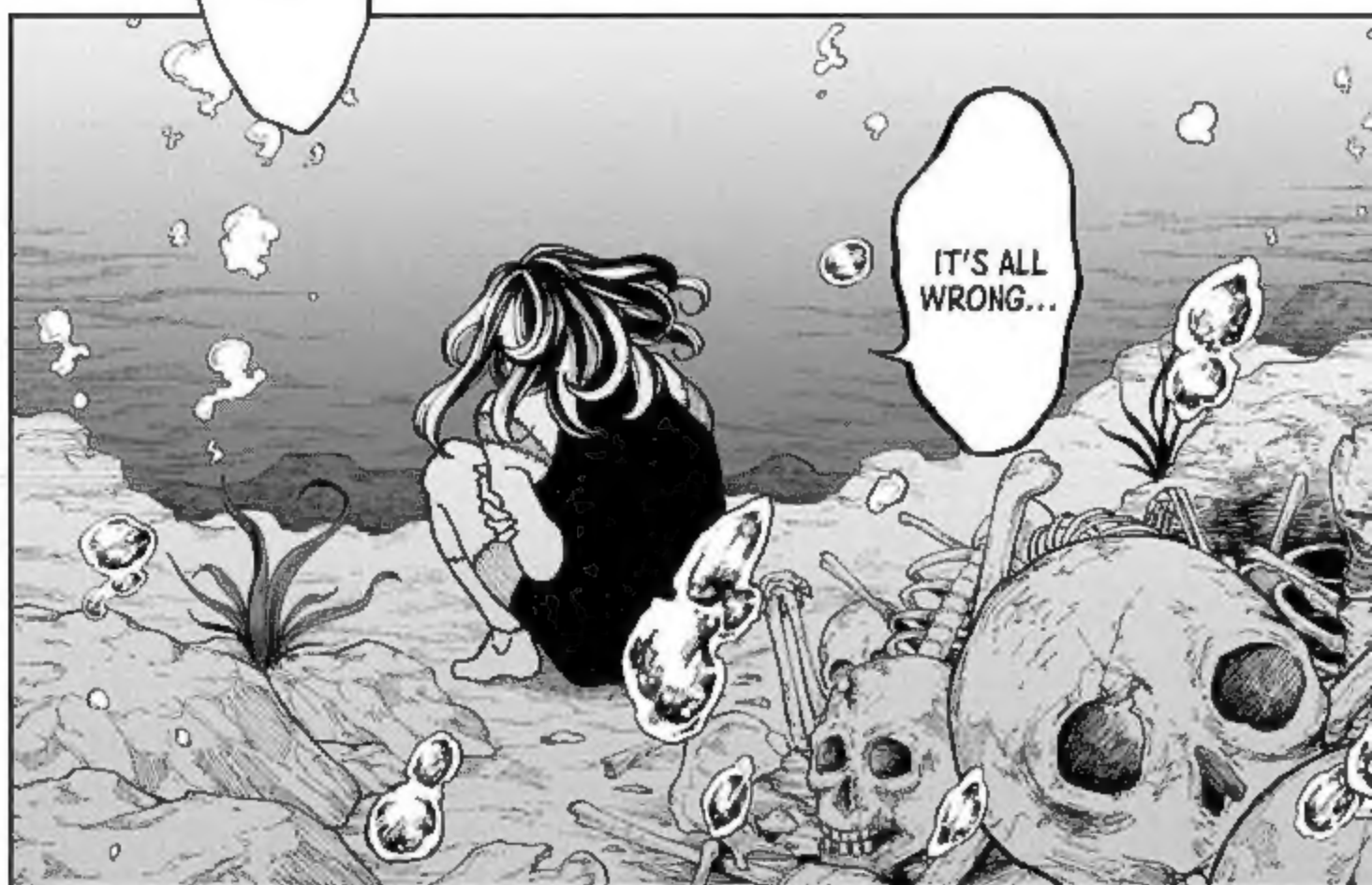
Chapter 2: Fabricants

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WRONG...

WRONG...



IT'S ALL
WRONG...



SAY,
ASHIBI...

WHAT ARE
YOU ALWAYS
WRITING IN
THAT THING
ANYWAY?











IT'S
PROBABLY A
FABRICANT
WITH
SPECIALIZED
LUNGS OR—

HEY!

ONLY...

ONLY A
LITTLE
SCRATCH,
OKAY?

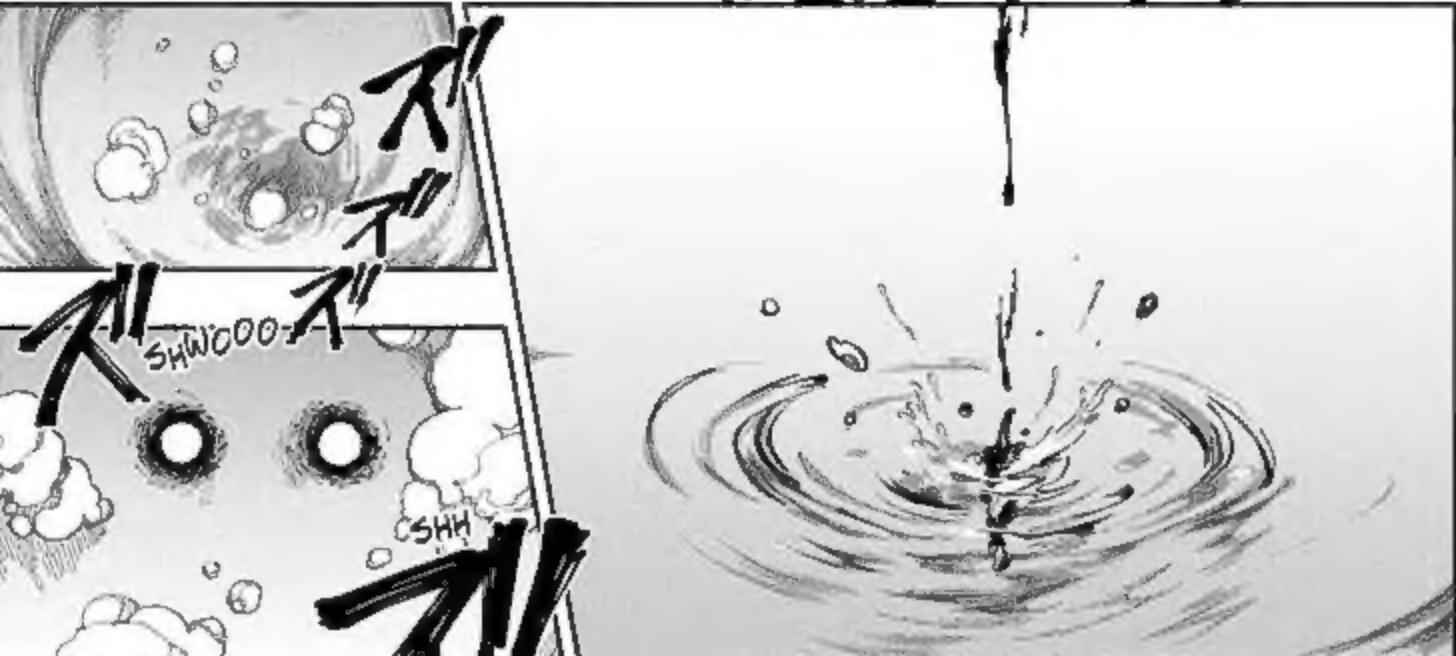
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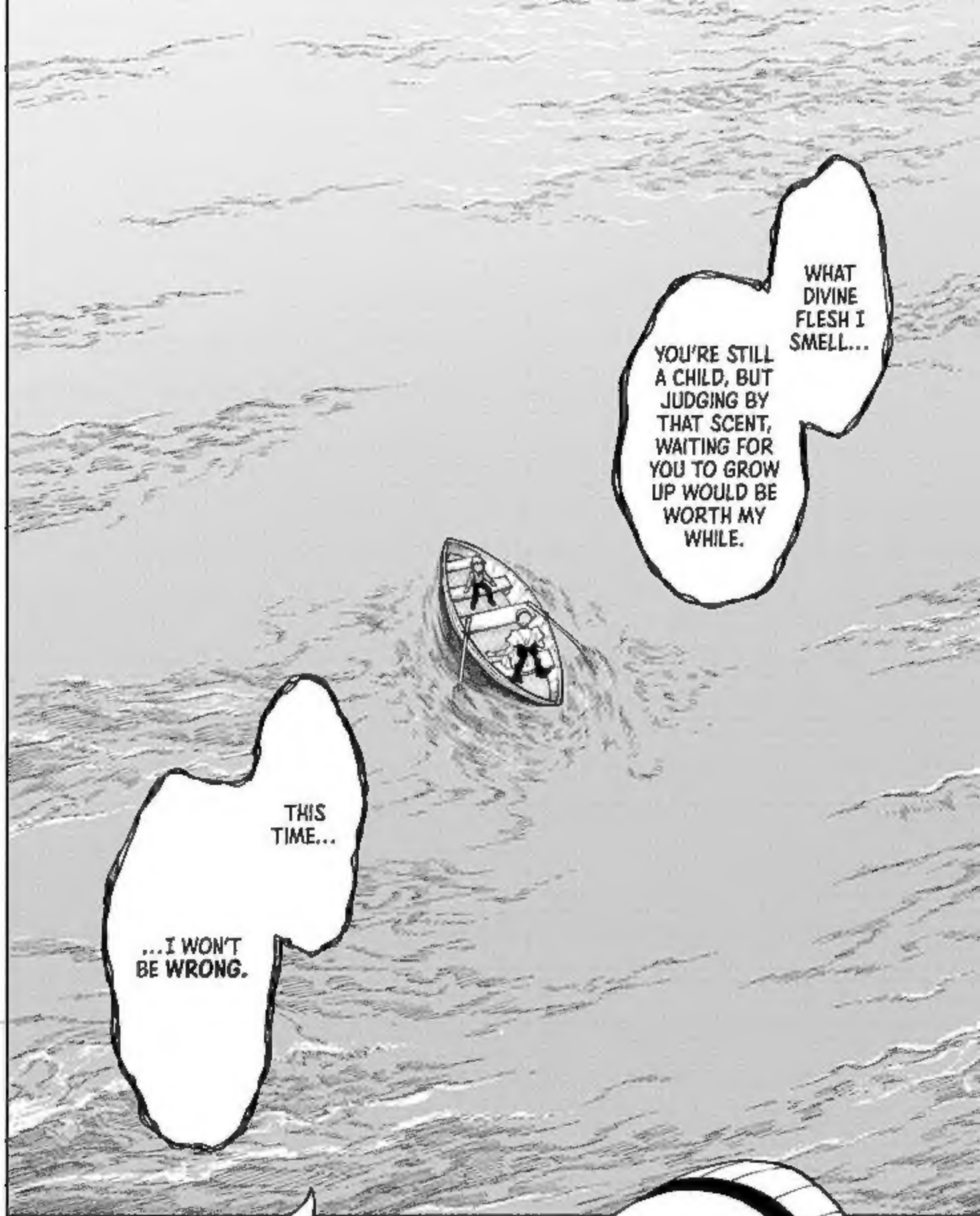


THE MORE
BIZARRE A CASE
SEEMS, THE
HIGHER THE
CHANCE THERE'S
A FABRICANT
BEHIND IT.

SO YOU
THINK THAT
COULD
APPLY
HERE?

OF
COURSE!





WHAT
DIVINE
FLESH I
SMELL...

YOU'RE STILL
A CHILD, BUT
JUDGING BY
THAT SCENT,
WAITING FOR
YOU TO GROW
UP WOULD BE
WORTH MY
WHILE.

THIS
TIME...

...I WON'T
BE WRONG.



BINGO.

...EVEN
THOUGH I
CAN HEAR HIM,
I CAN'T SEE
ANYTHING.

BUT...

THIS MUST BE
WHY THEY CALL
HIM A GHOST.

THE LAKE
WATER IS
CLEAR.

AND YET HIS
VOICE SOUNDS
LIKE IT'S RIGHT
ON TOP OF US.

BLUB
BLUB





THIS
FABRICANT...

GWOOSH

...DEFINITELY
HAS
SPECIALIZED
LUNGS!!

HE MUST HAVE
HELD HIS BREATH
AND WAITED IN
THE LAKE...

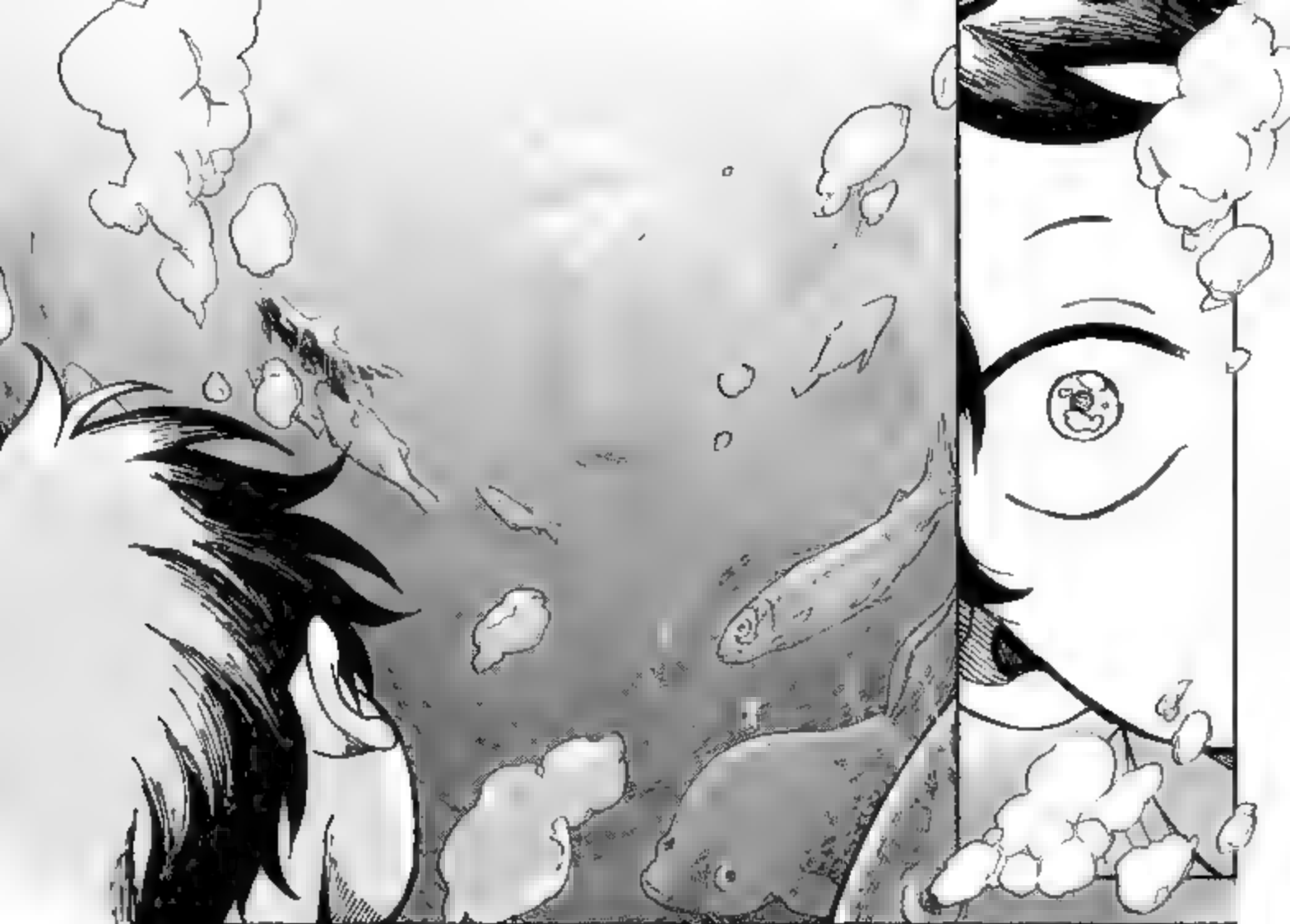
...TO ATTACK
BOAT RIDERS
ONCE THEY
HAD NO WAY
OF ESCAPING.



BUT...

...THAT DOESN'T
EXPLAIN WHY
WE COULDN'T
SEE HIM IN THE
WATER.

HOW
DID
HE DO
IT...







OKAY, HAVE
YOU CAUGHT
YOUR
BREATH?





**HE'S
TRAPPED
US IN
AN AIR
BUBBLE?!**

THIS IS TOTAL INTERNAL REFLECTION!

...WOULD BECOME INVISIBLE WHEN IT'S VIEWED FROM ABOVE

WAIT, ANYTHING
SURROUNDED
BY AIR →
UNDERWATER...

...SO
ANYTHING
INSIDE THE
BUBBLE IS
INVISIBLE
FROM THE
SURFACE.

When you stick a glass bottle containing a ball in water...

The ball looks like it disappears!

...the ball
looks like it
disappears!



AIR AND
WATER HAVE
DIFFERENT
REFLECTIVE
INDEXES...

MY SISTER
TAUGHT ME
ABOUT THIS.

MY SISTER
TAUGHT ME
ABOUT THIS.



SO THIS
IS HOW
FABRICANTS
FIGHT!!

"THEN WE
ATTACK HUMANS
IN WAYS THAT
MAKE IT
IMPOSSIBLE FOR
YOU TO DEFEND
YOURSELVES."

"WE TEND
TO SETTLE
IN PLACES
WHERE
WE CAN
TAKE FULL
ADVANTAGE
OF THEM."

"EACH
FABRICANT
HAS A SPECIAL
PHYSICAL
ABILITY."

Anyway...

I NEED TO
FIGURE OUT
HOW TO POP
THIS BUBBLE!



IN ORDER
TO GET
NO. 100 TO
USE HER FULL
STRENGTH...

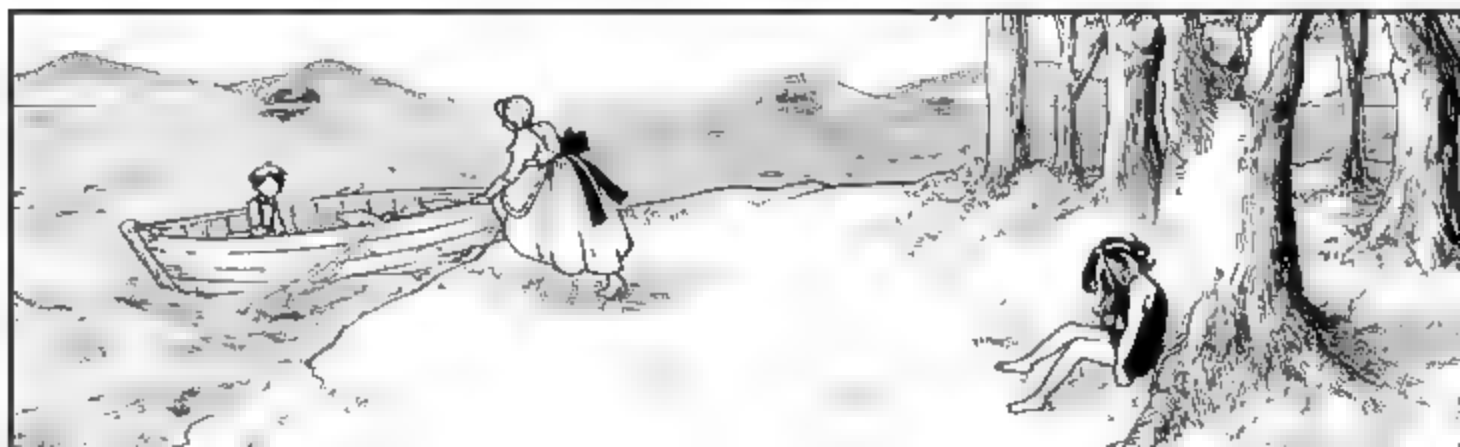
IF NO. 100 HITS THE
WATER'S SURFACE
WITH ENOUGH
FORCE, THE SHOCK
WAVE SHOULD POP
THE BUBBLE, BUT
WRITING A FULL
EXPLANATION WOULD
TAKE TOO LONG...







DID
YOU
REALLY
GROW
THAT
MUCH
?!





SO
WHAT IF
I AM?

Yeah?

SO YOU'RE
FOLLOWING
THE ORDERS
OF A CHILD...
...IN
EXCHANGE
FOR HIS
ADULT
BODY.

HEH
HEH
HEH



...CHASING
AFTER
ANSWERS
WE'LL NEVER
KNOW ARE
RIGHT.

...UNTIL
THE DAY
WE DIE...

WE'RE
DOOMED
TO SPEND
THE REST
OF OUR
LIVES...



NOW
THAT THE
DOCTOR'S
GONE...

...WE'LL NEVER
KNOW WHAT THE
IDEAL HUMAN
BEING IS.



WOULD BE
NICE IF THAT
BOY ISN'T
ANOTHER
ONE THAT'S
WRONG...







